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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

## Dear Chairman Sikes:

I am writing in response to a proposed ruling before you regarding Customer Billed Party Preference. HOTELCO is a California based company which supplies answer detection equipment and automated calling card and collect calling features to the hospitality industry.

Our equipment is installed nationwide, hence the data that we accumulate from our properties is not based upon any particular geographic anomaly. Based upon verifiable documentation, since the inception of our company in 1990, customers who wish to use the billed party of their choice, are doing it now via 950, 800, or 10XXX access where available. This fact is evidenced by the decreasing usage of our automated calling card and collect call equipment, in preference to "dialing around" the system. Virtually all our properties, from destination resorts to roadside hotels, have experienced a decrease in overall telephone revenue due to the customer's selection of the carrier that they wish to bill and collect their call. We believe that an order forcing the LEC's to mandate Customer Billed Party Preference is not in the best interest of the public at large nor the industry which serves it.

Further regulation by the Federal government is simply overkill and non-productive. Further, you would virtually eliminate an entire industry whose motivation to provide the latest equipment to the lodging industry, and revenues therefrom, would completely disappear. Disappearance of companies such as ours, would cause further unemployment and significant hardship to small businessmen everywhere - the true backbone of our nation's economy.

I urge you and your colleagues to consider the fact that Customer Billed Party Preference is already in effect, without any regulation, and to accordingly vote against any type of mandated technology enhancement which will serve no worthwhile purpose for the public nor for the hospitality services industry.

Yours truly,

Brooks H. Haden

Partner



MAYOR

## LOUISVILLE\_JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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The Honorable Alfred C. Sikes Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street NW Washington, D.C. 20554

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DAVID L. ARMSTRONG

County Judge/Executive

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Dear Mr. Sikes:

Commissions from our pay telephones are an important source of revenue for the City of Louisville and help us provide a vital service to the Citizens of our Community. Loss of this revenue due to the "Billed Party Preference" legislation would certainly negatively impact our general fund.

The City of Louisville is a client of A. T. & T. under the Public Technologies, Inc., contract and we work as a team to ensure that Citizens using our public telephones have all the freedom that is currently legislated to use the long distance vendor of their choice.

The passing of a BPP would not serve the public interest any better than the regulations already in effect, will be costly to implement and will remove an important source of revenue from many government and private entities.

The City of Louisville opposes CC Docket NO. 92-77.

Sincerely,

Jill Gibbons

Coordinator of Communications

City of Louisville

C: The Honorable Jerry E. Abramson Mayor of the City of Louisvile

Thomas T. Kuster Director of Public Health and Safety

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## Walter C. Heinrich, Sheriff

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TAMPA, FLORIDA 33601

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The Honorable Alfred C. Sikes, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554



Dear Mr. Sikes:

I am writing to express my concern over the current preposal referred to as Billed Party Preference under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission in CC Docket 92-77.

As Sheriff of one of the twenty largest jail systems in the nation, I am opposed to any measure which would significantly increase the potential for fraudulent telephone use by permitting inmates to access long distance carriers of their own choosing. Even with the best of existing toll call systems, inmates have devised fraudulent methods of defeating them. The weakening or elimination of current control measures would certainly magnify the difficulties faced by already overtaxed jails which would be forced to devote additional manpower to address escalating telephone fraud.

The ability of detention facilities to provide controlled inmate telephone access and employ certain special service options such as blocking, number searching, and selective number monitoring also should be preserved to avoid further stressing detention and law enforcement operations, and exacerbating security concerns.

I urge you to carefully consider the impact which Billed Party Preference would have on jails throughout the country, and trust that a final decision concerning this proposal will truly be in the best interest of the general public.

Sincerely,

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Walter C. Heinrich Sheriff